

## Spain Diplomat Hopeful

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, who is now on a tour of strategic centers in Europe and the Near East, was granted an interview with the United States Ambassador to Spain, the Honorable Jno. Lodge, on March 2 in Madrid. Dr. Goerner reports that he was cordially received by Ambassador Lodge and that the conversation for an hour.

"The Ambassador expressed deep interest in the problem of religious liberty in Spain and concern over Baptist churches which have recently been closed, as well as over difficulties experienced by evangelicals in securing marriage licenses," Dr. Goerner says. "Ambassador Lodge gave assurance that there are reasons for believing that the situation for Spanish evangelicals might be improved in the near future and urged patience on the part of Baptists and others in the United States who find it hard to understand how a modern nation can tolerate such abuses of basic human rights. He spoke in warm terms of the friendship between the United States and Spain and pointed out the unusual importance of that friendship during the present crisis created by Soviet demands concerning West Berlin."

### Whitten Present

Dr. Goerner was accompanied during the interview by Charles W. Whitten, Southern Baptist representative in Spain (and a native Mississippian).

On Sunday morning, March 1, Dr. Goerner spoke to the combined congregations of Second Baptist Church and Third Baptist Church at Madrid. The meeting was held in the building of First Baptist Church because both of the other buildings have been closed by the Spanish police. Afterward Dr. Goerner visited both of the sealed chapels.

At the regular evening service at First Church a large crowd packed the auditorium. Five persons, including the pastor's daughter, responded to the invitation at the close of the service. Dr. Goerner proceeded from Spain to Lebanon, on his first visit to that country since the end of the revolution.

## Suit Charges Catholics Get Public Funds

AUSTIN, Tex. (BP)—A "taxpayer-citizen" group, including ministers from four Protestant faiths, has filed suit here charging that state funds are being used illegally to operate a Catholic school in Bremond, Tex.

The 14 plaintiffs said they are being forced "to pay taxes for the support of the Catholic church" in violation of both the Federal and State constitutions.

The sisters, who teach while wearing the robes of their order, are but "conducts through which public school funds are channeled into the coffers of the Catholic church," says the petition.

The suit seeks an injunction preventing additional state funds from being used for the operation of the school.

### Defendants

In addition to the Bremond Independent school board, the 37 defendants include the superintendent.

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## 20,000 Sing In The Rain

MELBOURNE (RNS)—Nearly 20,000 persons in Melbourne's outdoor show grounds sat in a torrential rain as they waited for a Billy Graham rally and joined a 300-voice choir in singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings."

The storm broke about 30 minutes before the American evangelist was to appear. As the rain became heavier, many people took off their shoes and stockings.

As the meeting began the rain suddenly stopped. During the evangelist's sermon, the microphone he was wearing went out of order and he was forced to continue while crouching over a low mike on the dais.

Following his sermon some 1,200 persons splashed their way across the arena to the speaker's platform to make "decisions for Christ."

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## N.O. Hospital Salutes Mississippi Baptists

By Dr. Frank H. Tripp  
Administrator, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans  
Mississippi is second to Louisiana in the number of patients admitted to the Southern Baptist Hospital. In addition to the

large number of friends who are admitted as patients we also enroll many fine young women from the state in the Mather School of Nursing.  
A number of young doctors have done their graduate work

in the hospital's training program for interns and residents and some of the most valued employees are Mississippians. For these and many other reasons we are very pleased to extend greetings to the people of Mississippi in general, and to our Baptist friends in particular.

Mississippi Baptists, by supporting the Cooperative Program through their local churches, are also supporting the work of the hospital. Although the amount we receive from the denomination is not large, we do appreciate it and apply it to the cost of free service rendered to the deserving poor. Incidentally, much of this service has been rendered to friends from Mississippi. Many of the specialists on our medical staff have work referred to them by Mississippi doctors and it is a genuine pleasure for us to cooperate in every possible way in providing a high quality of care.

**Congratulates State**  
We congratulate the Baptists of Mississippi on the splendid (Continued on Page 3)

## Baptist Gets Catholic Prize

WILLISTON, N. D. (RNS)—The Williston Catholic Daughters of America voted to present a baby layette to the mother of the first child born during Catholic Daughters of America week.  
The winner: Mrs. Charles Hogan, Williston, wife of the local Baptist minister.



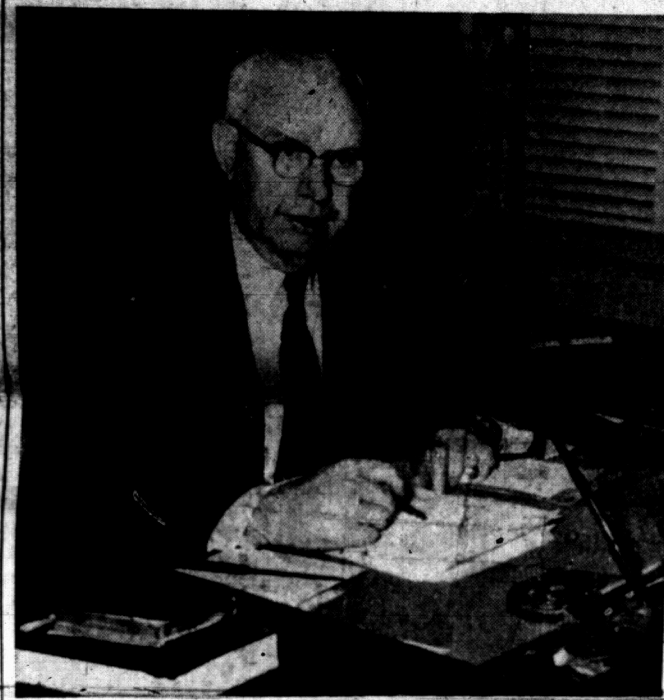
T. SLOANE GUY, Jr., newly-elected executive secretary and superintendent of Southern Baptist Hospital. He will succeed Dr. Frank Tripp of New Orleans, who is retiring. Guy has been pastor of First Church, Birmingham.

## Says S.S. Spoils Children

OMAHA, (RNS)—A Sunday School spoils children, a Chicago theologian told the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches at its annual meeting here.

All children hear for some time is "Mama loves me, Papa loves me, teacher loves me, God loves me," said Dr. Marcus Barth, who said this develops self-centered young adults. Come age 12 or 14, they discover other people in the world, and all hell breaks loose.

Dr. Barth, a member of the Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago, is the son of the famous Swiss theologian, Dr. Karl Barth. He referred to the way the Bible is generally presented in U. S. Sunday church schools as "domesticated soup, used only for nourishing the weak." (Continued on Page 2)



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## MC Campaign Tops \$500,000

The Mississippi College \$1,100,000 Development Program already has funds in hand of about \$500,000, the minimum goal, according to Dr. R. A. McLemore, college president.

Several of the committees have already completed their work and all of the solicitation plans are to be completed by the first of April.

Mr. Russ Johnson, Chairman of the Industrial Gifts Committee, announced that his committee had already received gifts totaling \$148,500.00 and would receive enough additional gifts to reach their goal of \$175,000. Mr. Zach Hederman, Chairman of the Special Gifts Committee, announced gifts of \$98,750.00

with several additional teams to report. The work of the Business and Professional teams in Jackson, under the direction of Mr. Owen Gregory, has just begun, but gifts totaling \$50,000.00 have been received.

### Anonymous

The campaign was paced by a \$50,000.00 gift from Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Whittington of Greenwood for the furnishing of the Leland Speed family gave \$50,000.00 for furnishing the library. There has been an anonymous gift of \$100,000.00 toward the erection of the Student Union Building. These generous gifts have been supplemented by donations from many people.

Mr. Robert Gandy, General Chairman for the Development Program, said that this drive has met with the greatest response of any financial effort on behalf of the college. Mr. Gandy also said that the success of the drive has been due to the efforts of many friends of higher education in private, Christian colleges as well as Baptists and other special friends of Mississippi College.

### More Expected

The General Chairman for the State is Mr. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City. Reports from the State are just beginning to come in. This organization was set up to be completed, based on receipts already in, more than \$100,000.00 is a conservative estimate of the amount expected from the State of the organization.

Dr. McLemore said that the proceeds from the Development Program will be used to increase the endowment of the college, furnish the Aven Fine Arts Building, renovate Lowrey Hall for a classroom building, and provide the college's participation in the cost of construction of the Student Union Building. The Development Program has had the enthusiastic support of the Board of Trustees, friends and former students of the College, the State Baptist Convention, and particularly the City of Jackson.

## SBC Gifts Up 6.72% In Feb.

NASHVILLE — (BP) — February was almost a \$5 million month in funds sent by churches to work of the Southern Baptist Convention at large.

Convention Treasurer Porter Routh announced here that February SBC receipts totaled \$4,956,400. In February, 1958, they totaled only \$4,458,302. Receipts for February, 1959, included \$1,356,727 through the Cooperative Program, representing undesignated gifts to be shared on a percentage system by all Convention agencies.

Designated offerings, on which the donors select a specific activity to support, amounted to \$3,599,673. This reflected more of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Gifts for 1959 to date (two-months totals) are up 6.72 per cent over the comparative two-month span in 1958 and total \$8,250,037. Cooperative Program receipts have jumped 6 1/4 per cent to \$2,912,093 and designated gifts have risen 6.97 per cent to \$5,337,943, both in relation to 1958 totals.

Disbursements in February included \$3,583,732 in designated funds — chiefly Lottie Moon Offerings — to the Foreign Mission Board, plus the board's \$532,787 percentage allocation out of Cooperative Program gifts.

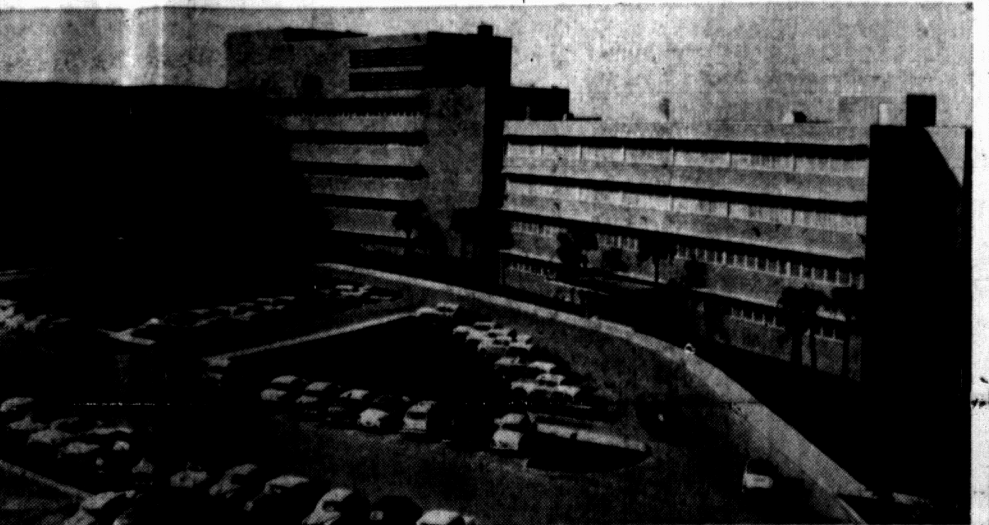
## 2,033 WEEKLIES BAR BEER ADS

CHICAGO, Ill. — A just completed survey of weekly newspapers throughout the U. S. A. shows the equivalent of 45 newspapers per state in 45 out of the 49 states of the Union that completely bar alcoholic beverage advertising of all kinds from their columns, whether distilled, wines, or beers, or a total of no less than 2,033 such community papers that refuse to accept any advertising of this character in their columns.

The record shows that more than 50 percent of all the local weekly newspapers in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and Arkansas are free from alcoholic beverage advertising by their own individual choice, while 34 per cent of the local papers in 15 states are dry so far as the advertising columns are concerned.



HOSPITAL ENTRANCE—Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, showing new entrance on Napoleon Avenue (at right).



JACKSONVILLE HOSPITAL—The Baptist Memorial Hospital at Jacksonville, Florida showing the Wolfson Memorial Children's unit at the right. The building is situated on the bend of the St. Johns River.

## 450,723 Baptists In State

Mississippi Baptists reported substantial gains in every area of activity during 1958, according to statistics released by the Department of Research and Statistics of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

State Baptists now total 450,723 in number as compared to 443,100 a year ago while the number of churches now is 1,784 as compared to 1770 a year ago.

Baptisms last associational year totaled 17,195 in comparison with 15,728 the year previous. Church property evaluation now stands at \$81,361,954, a substantial gain over the \$73,873,835 reported a year ago.

Mission gifts the past associational year totaled \$3,158,981, as compared to \$2,942,585 the year previous. Grand total gifts last year soared to \$17,881,687, in comparison to the \$17,096,048 the year previous.

### S. S. Enrollment Up

Sunday School enrollment now stands at 298,817 as compared to 293,773 the year previous while V. B. S. enrollment last year was 136,906 in comparison with 130,044 a year ago.

Training Union likewise showed a gain. There are now 135,434 enrolled, an increase over the 131,280 reported the year previous.

There are now 60,404 enrolled in W. M. U., a gain over the 55,911 a year ago. R. A. and Brotherhood enrollment now total 22,955, as compared to 10,134 a year ago.

## No More L'ville Rooms

LOUISVILLE — (BP) — All hotel and motel rooms within a 10-mile radius of Louisville available to the Southern Baptist Convention's housing bureau have been assigned, bureau and Chamber of Commerce officials here have announced.

Meanwhile, requests for "as many as possible" of the reservations are being processed by making room assignments in surrounding areas for the Convention session in May, according to James C. Austin, bureau chairman.

Convention-goers are being urged to use rooms in private homes. These rooms are available at a cost of \$2 per person per day.

Carver School of Missions and Social Work here has a limited number of rooms available without charge to missionaries (Continued on Page 2)

### Circulation

This Week ..... 90,179  
Gain ..... 202

## Circulation Going Up!

Baptist Record circulation reaches a new peak with this issue, topping the 90,000 mark for the first time.

The net gain in subscriptions during the past six months has been approximately 1,800. During the past six weeks there has been an increase every week.

The Every Family Plan accounts for 85,641 of the 90,179 total subscriptions in force this week.

At present, 1,213 of the 1,784 churches in the state use the Every Family Plan. It provides the paper through the church budget for only 3c per family per week.

Many churches are adding prospects for church membership to their subscription lists, in preparation for the Simultaneous Revivals. Others are double-checking to be sure the paper is going to every Baptist home as a means of enlistment.

And the circulation continues to rise!



## Names In The News

**Philips R. McCarty**, formerly of Crosby, now youth director at First Baptist Church Memphis, Tennessee, was guest speaker at the Sweetheart Banquet at Bellevue Baptist Church, in Memphis, recently.

**Dr. Webb Brame**, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, has donated an additional fourteen city lots to the city for the Highland Brame Park. Last year Dr. Brame donated the original acreage and has seen it cleared and put in recreational shape.

**Rev. William Preston** who is attending the seminary at New Orleans was the guest speaker at a sweetheart banquet at Juniper Grove Church, Poplarville. Rev. Edward McKeithen is pastor. The king and queen for the banquet were elected by the church on basis of Christian character. They were Billie Coleman, king, and Aliene Cowart, queen.

**Dr. Eual Lawson**, Associate Secretary of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, addressed the Evangelism Rally of the Lauderdale Association on Wednesday evening, March 11, at First Church, Meridian.

**Miss Mary Frank Kirkpatrick**, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, is planning to return to the States for furlough in April. She may be addressed, Box 94, Noxapater, Miss. Miss Kirkpatrick is a native of Noxapater.

**Rev. Alton B. Pierce**, pastor of Parkview Church, Greenville, contributed a week's devotional writings on the theme, "In the Upper Room," for the April-June Open Windows. He is featured the week of June 14-20.

**Billy Stacy**, All-Southeastern Conference quarterback from Mississippi State University, was guest speaker at a Hearts and Hatchets Banquet for the young people of West Heights Church, Pontotoc, Friday night, February 27.

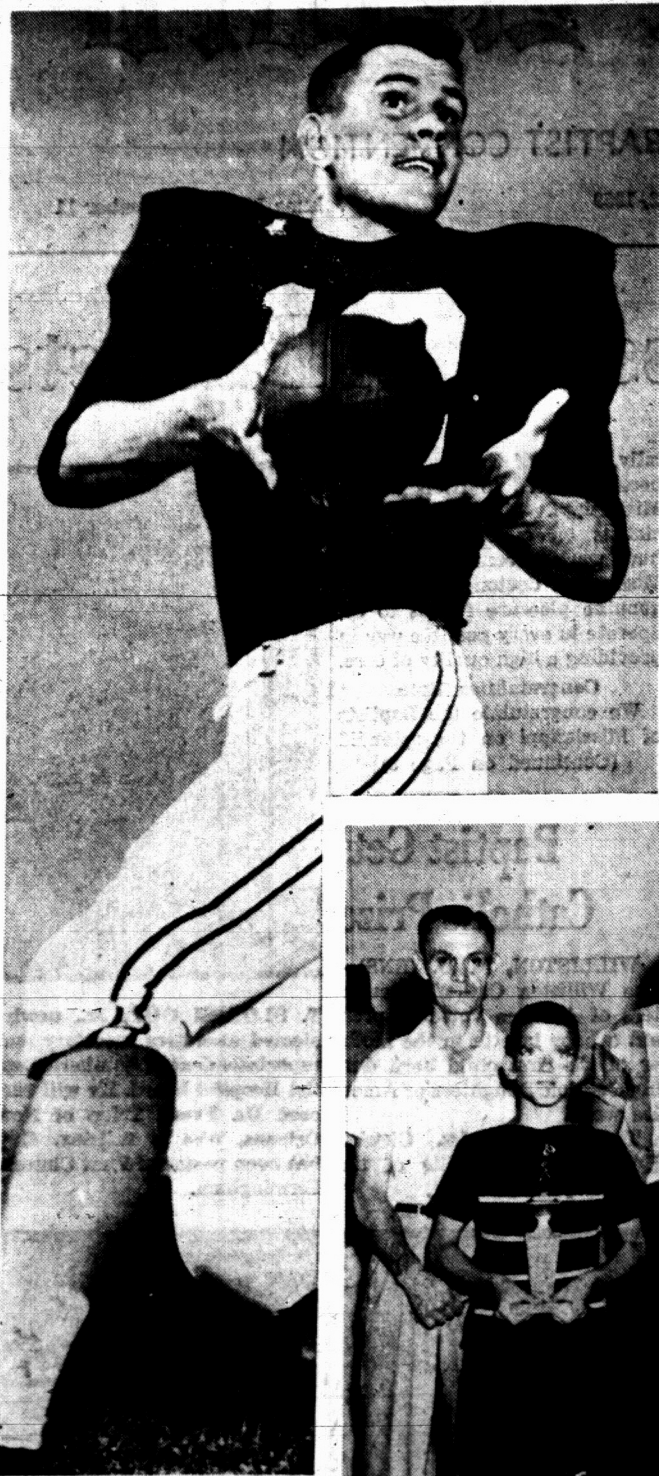
### Suit Charges - - -

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tendent of schools, the state comptroller, the state commissioner of education, all 21 members of the state board of education, and six Catholic nuns and two priests who teach in the St. Mary's elementary school. Plaintiffs include Earl A. McKeithen, pastor of First Baptist Church, both of Bremond; E. S. James, editor of the Baptist Standard, state Baptist paper; Foy Valentine, director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission; L. R. Wilson, editor of the Church of Christ publication, Voice of Freedom; M. D. Hannah, a Seventh Day Adventist minister; and Wesley Hite and T. Lee Miller, both Methodist district superintendents, all of Dallas.

They allege 24 constitutional violations, including charges that tax money is used to provide free textbooks and bus transportation to St. Mary's students. Eighty-six per cent of the money used to operate the school, the petition said, comes from state tax funds.

# Young Athlete Chooses Christ As His Coach

## Baptist Briefs



By A. W. PRICE  
Lee County Royal Ambassador Counselor and Deacon, Calvary Church, Tupelo

(NOTE: Billy Stacy is one of the finest athletes Mississippi has produced. He was awarded the Outstanding Player Award at Miss. State University last year along with the Sportsman Award at the North-South Shrine Bowl game in Miami. His skill on the football field earned him All-American honorable mention for three years. He holds now or has held 13 track records. He has been outstanding in basketball, tennis and baseball. The story below tells of another area of outstanding achievement. Every young person will want to read it.—Editor.)

"Billy Stacy, Mississippi State's fine quarterback, first draft choice of Chicago Cardinals."

Last December those words were headline news on radio, television and newspapers throughout the land. They were the beginning of the fulfillment of a

lifetime dream for Billy, who will begin his professional football career this fall with the Cardinals. Those who watch Billy's success predict that he will continue to make headline news in the sports world. He is one of the great football players of all times.

**A Christian Gentleman**—To Mississippi Baptists there is something else about Billy Stacy that makes him outstanding. He is a real Christian gentleman—and a Baptist! He is 22, and a senior at Mississippi State University where he has excelled in football and track and has been listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Starkville.

**Active In R. A.**—Billy has been active in Royal Ambassador work as guest speaker and sports instructor for several years. Last summer he directed the Lee County R. A. baseball program; he took a group of boys to the RA Congress at Fort Worth where his greatest thrill was the presence

and testimony of Bob Richards, another great Christian athlete. He has recently spoken to church groups at Gulfport, Cleveland, Vicksburg, Calvary, Tupelo, Harrisburg, Tupelo and Booneville.

He has a fine, simple testimony and never turns down an opportunity to witness for Christ. His favorite verse of scripture is Philippians 4:13, which he frequently quotes.

After every speaking engagement, as after every football game, boys crowd around their idol for his autograph and he is never too tired or busy to talk with them. Many times business men get in line for this same autograph.

His favorite pastime is watching western movies on T.V. He has learned to play the ukelele and recently took part in a musical at a banquet that was delightfully entertaining. His radiant personality, his good looks, his lovely manners and thoughtfulness of others make friends for him wherever he goes.

### From Winona

He is affectionately known as "Puppy" to the folks of Winona, Miss., who are proud of their native son and go in throngs to see him play football. His wife is the former Pat Fitzgerald of Greenville, an accomplished young lady, who is also a fine Christian and whose main interest in life is to help Billy succeed in anything he undertakes. He has two brothers, Bobby and Benny, who also play football for M. S. U. and who think their big brother is just grand.

### Christ His Coach

Billy has won many trophies and is humbly grateful for each of them, but he is perhaps proudest of the Sportsman Award he received in the North-South Shrine Bowl game in Miami in December where he was the outstanding scorer. He was invited to play in six post-season



**BASEBALL CHAMPIONS, 1958**, team coaches and captains, in the Royal Ambassador League: left to right, are Ed Collins and Steve Causey, First Church, Tupelo; Lenord Newman, Vernon Bradley, Paul Hale, Mays Tallant, Harrisburg, Tupelo, and Billy Stacy, Program Director.

### Award To Barnes, Pizant

Lloyd C. Barnes, for more than 14 years executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Education Association, will be awarded the Doctor of Laws degree, and Rev. Clyde C. Bryan, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, will receive the Doctor of Divinity degree, at spring commencement exercises at William Carey College, Hattiesburg.

Clyde C. Bryan is a native of McMinnville, Tenn., educated at Carson-Newman College, and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he earned both bachelor of divinity and Master of Theology degrees. He is in his ninth year as pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg.

### No More - - -

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and missionaries emeritus. Persons interested in private home accommodations or missionaries interested in Carver School facilities should write to Convention Housing Bureau, Box 191, St. Matthews Station, Louisville 7, Ky. Dates of arrival and departure should be given, and each request must be accompanied by a check for \$10, except in the case of the missionaries, Austin said.



**A. W. PRICE** congratulates Billy Stacy on a job well done as director of the Lee County Royal Ambassador program for the summer of 1958.

**NEW YORK (RNS)**—A study of religion in a state teachers' college "to clarify Church-State relationships as they affect higher education in our generation" will be made next year by an American Baptist group.

**DALLAS (BP)**—Three Texas Baptist schools have been granted permission to borrow \$1,075,000 for capital improvements by the Texas Baptist executive board.

**FORT WORTH (BP)**—Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here have elected three new faculty members. Charles M. Sego has been named an assistant professor in the School of Church Music and Kenneth S. Chafin and William L. Hendricks were both named associate professors in the School of Theology.

**CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)**—George L. Shearin, endowment secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was elected president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives at the group's annual convention here.

**DALLAS (BP)**—Lloyd Wright, associate director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas for the past 18 months, has been named director of the denomination's public relations program.

**RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)**—A committee of Baptist leaders has recommended that the North Carolina Baptist State Convention establish a Baptist press at the convention's children's home in Thomasville, N. C.

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.**—A special memorial service for deceased trustees and faculty members who have served Southern Seminary in Louisville during the last 100 years was presented in Alumni Chapel at 8 p. m. on March 9.

**GREENSBORO, N. C. (BP)**—A committee recommendation could pave the way for three Baptist junior colleges in North Carolina to become senior colleges.

bowl games this year. We feel that Billy stands on the threshold of a great opportunity as he goes into the professional football world. He will be outstanding because of his untrained physical ability and love for the game, his sportsmanlike conduct and his "real coach" in his heart.

Billy says, "I like to think of Christ as my coach and I know I can do all things with him as my strength."

Billy lived in our home and won a permanent place in our hearts because of his fine Christian life. He is the idol of our 11-year old son; our 17-year old daughter hopes another young man will come along just like him some day; my wife claims another son and cooks all of his favorite dishes; as for me: Well, I think he is GREAT, but will just say I could wish nothing better for my own son than that he grow up to be a fine Christian boy like Billy Stacy.

# First Reports Seen On Televangelism Viewing Parties



**DR. LEE THOMAS**, pastor, South Hills Baptist Church, Covina, Calif., leads hymn which featured the first in-church viewing party of Televangelism to be reported to the Radio and Television Commission. He reports 8 home locations where viewing parties are held Sunday afternoons.



**AT THE CHURCH** youngsters join in the animated discussion of the message dramatized in "This Is The Answer." Two early viewing parties were held in the church and in the pastor's home. The church group consisted of adults and younger children.



**DR. THOMAS** expresses appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Emerson E. Wilson, members of the congregation who supplied the television set used in the church viewing party. Sometimes cake and coffee are served following the showings at the church.



**AT THE HOME** of the pastor a group of adults and older children follow the TV drama during the viewing party. Dr. Thomas declares this is a sample of making good use of the new found tool . . . TV drama combined with personal witnessing.



# Is Board Membership Properly Distributed?

One of the most significant programs ever promoted by Baptists is the Forward Program of Church Finance. A vital part of that program which usually evokes a great deal of interest is the survey of the giving hab-

its of the local church membership. There are inevitably some "ooh's" and "ah's" in the congregation when it is announced that approximately 25 per cent of the members of the average church are giving about 75 per

cent of the money. For some time I have been curious about the record of mission giving on the part of Mississippi Baptist Churches and Mississippi Baptist Associations. A survey of the 1957 Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual has revealed the following interesting facts:

## Gifts

1. The approximately 1,770 churches in Mississippi gave a total of a little more than \$2,700,000 for all mission gifts, including the Cooperative Program and all designated gifts in 1956-57.
2. There were only 64 of the 1,770 churches that gave over \$10,000 each for all missions.
3. These 64 churches gave a total of \$1,427,923.00 for all mission gifts, or more than one-half the total.
4. There were only 16 of these 64 churches which gave more than \$25,000 each for all mission causes.
5. These 16 churches gave a total of \$687,846.00, or more than one-fourth the total.
6. Only 14 out of the 76 Associations in Mississippi gave over \$50,000.00 each to all mission causes.
7. Of the 76 Associations, 10 gave less than \$10,000 each to all mission causes.
8. Two of the 76 Associations gave less than \$5,000 each.
9. Of the 76 Board Members, 39 were from Churches giving less than \$5,000 to all mission causes. These 39 Board Members (over half the Board) came from churches giving a total of only \$70,088.00. Of these 39, 15 were from churches giving less than \$1,000.
10. Of the 64 churches giving over \$10,000 each, less than 25 had a member on the State Convention Board.

These facts relative to the giving habits of Mississippi Baptist churches and Associations reveal that the majority of the financial support comes from relatively few churches. Also, it is evident that the representation on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is not in proportion to the financial strength of the churches or the Associations.

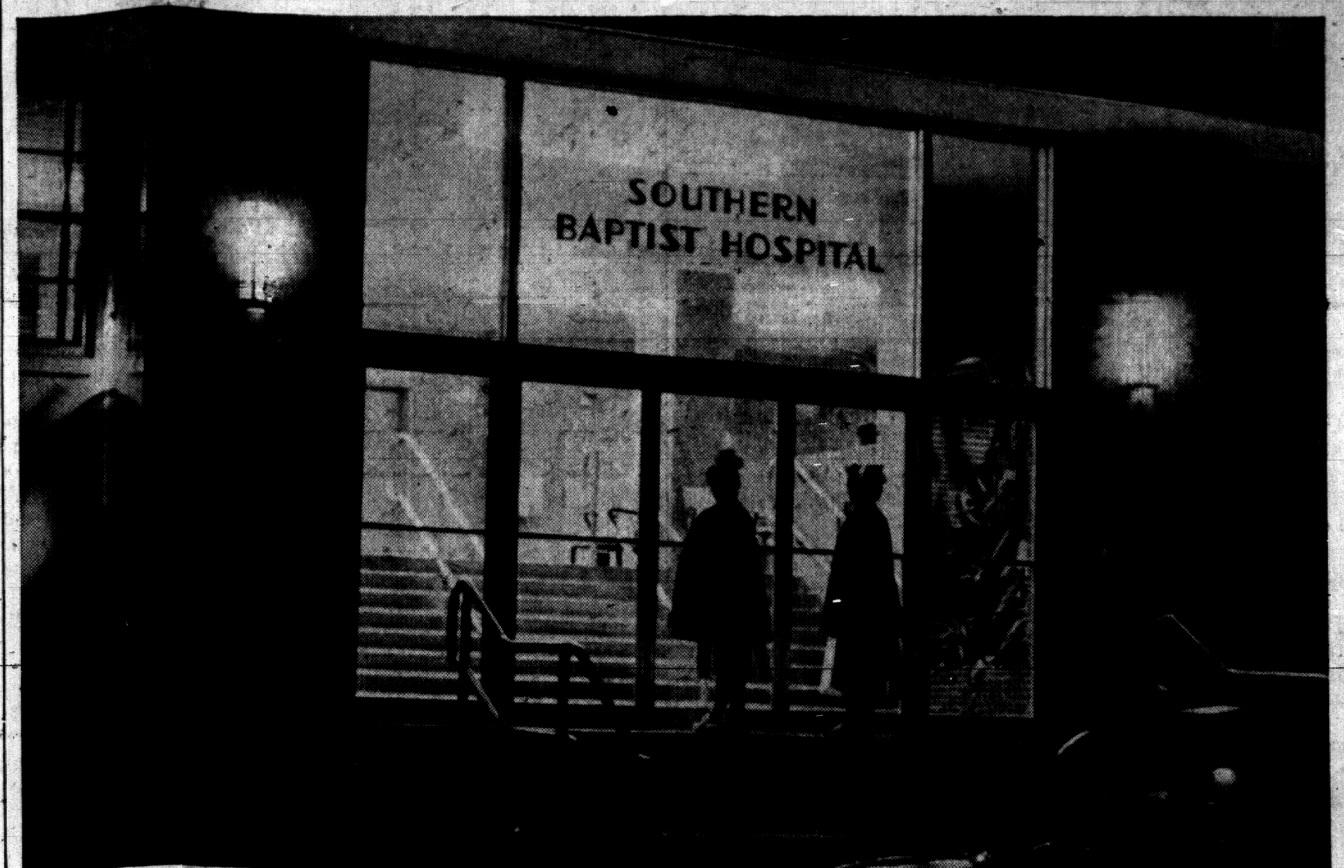
## N. O. Hospital - - -

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work they are doing at their hospital in Jackson and count it a privilege, indeed, to be associated with the ministry of Christian healing.

There is, of course, no feeling of competition between Baptist hospitals. All of us have more work than we can possibly do and each seeks to supplement the other and not to supplant any. The Board of Directors and the administration of the Southern Baptist Hospital will be pleased to have our friends from Mississippi visit us at any time they are coming to New Orleans.

Thursday, March 12, 1959

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TWO NURSES are shown entering the Magnolia Street lobby of hospital to join other nurses who watch over the sick as the city sleeps.

## Hospital Served Over 42,500 In 1958

Southern Baptists entered the ministry of healing in the Crescent City in 1926 and it is the unanimous consensus of opinion of those who are in a position to evaluate the services rendered by the hospital that it has added much to the prestige and influence of local Baptist work and the denomination. The population of New Orleans has been predominately Catholic from the very beginning. However, the most recent religious census in which the Catholics participated indicated that the non-Catholic group is, for the first time, the majority. The Baptist hospital has made a very substantial contribution to the growth and development of our Baptist work in the city and throughout this entire area.

The demands for the services

of the hospital have increased since the day the first patient was received March 8, 1926 and in order to meet these demands, new buildings have been constructed from time to time until today it is one of the largest non-government hospitals in the area.

In 1958 more than 42,500 people received some type of care in the hospital. Since evangelistic and missionary opportunities are measured by the number of people contacted, it will be readily seen that the large number of patients and their families present an unsurpassed opportunity for Christian witnessing.

Efforts are being made constantly to improve the type of patient care and to minister to his spiritual needs. A staff of trained chaplains works with the patients, the patients' families,

the student nurses and employees. Worship services are conducted over the hospital's radio and public address system; prayer meetings are held in the auditorium and in the small prayer chapel. A systematic program of counseling and spiritual guidance is a vital part of the hospital's ministry.

The Mather School of Nursing operated by the hospital has, through the years, attracted hundreds of young women who, as student nurses and later as graduates, bring to the practice of their profession a sense of dedication which creates a friendly, Christian environment.

Such an atmosphere is recognized as having definite therapeutic value. An active B. S. U. Council, Y. W. A. groups and other organized programs designed to keep students in the

nursing school actively identified with the work of the local churches and the denomination are supported by the Board and members of the faculty.

One of the trademarks of the hospital is the Christian environment and friendly atmosphere which prevails, and the fine young women enrolled in the School of Nursing have much to do in creating such an environment.

The hospital is approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation for the training of interns and residents in all of the major specialties. At the present time some thirty-five young doctors are serving on the house staff.

Mr. Raymond C. Wilson is associated with Doctor Tripp as Administrator of the New Orleans hospital.

## Modern Equipment Marks Hospital

The current building and expansion program of the Southern Baptist Hospital was begun in the spring of 1947. During these twelve years, more than \$10,000,000 has been invested in the building of the large modern hospital and in modernizing the old buildings. In addition to the increase in bed capacity, many improvements have been made in related facilities, food services, etc.

The latest addition included a very beautiful new lobby facing Napoleon Street, the enlargement of the business office, and the construction of a new building for the hospital's administrative offices. The hospital is now one hundred per cent air conditioned and modern in every respect.

At the present time air conditioning equipment is being installed in all the dormitories

and the Administration Building of the School of Nursing.

Long Range Committee  
These improvements have been made possible by the support of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Board of Christian Education, and the Mather Foundation, earnings from operations and allocations of the operative Program Funds from the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Board recently appointed a committee on Long Range Planning at each of its two hospitals. The Committee at New Orleans has done considerable work in the past year and doubt be in position to make definite recommendations to the Board for additional improvements within the next few months.

## U.S. Executions Are Diminishing

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — A total of only 48 executions were carried out under civil law in the United States in 1958, the U. S. Department of Justice reported here. This compares with 69 in 1957 and was the lowest total for any year since nationwide statistics began to be kept by the Justice Department in 1930. It is believed by penologists probably to be the lowest number of executions in the past century and reflects a discontinuance of the death penalty in many states, in response to demands from religious and civic groups that the death penalty be abolished.

Only 15 of the 49 states carried

out executions in 1958 and no executions occurred under Federal law.

### 20 White

Twenty of the 48 condemned prisoners sent to death were of the white race, a total of 21 were Negro and California executed one man of Filipino race. The median age at execution was 28.3 years. Only six of those put to death were 35 or over. Forty executions were for murder, seven for rape, and one for kidnapping. All seven prisoners put to death for rape were Negroes.

Of the 418 prisoners put to death for rape since 1930, only 41 have been white, the Justice Department reported.



MC SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS—Planning for Spiritual Emphasis Week at Mississippi College March 9-13 is this student committee, headed by John Smith (seated third from left), Jackson senior. Dr. G. Avery Lee, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ruston, La., will be the principal speaker. Members of the committee include:

(seated left to right) Coby Byrne, BSU Director; Linda Jarrard, Pensacola, Fla.; John Smith; Beth Sassanett, Pensacola, Fla.; Marie Willingham, Grenada; (standing left to right) Billy Richard Williams, Aberdeen; Dwight Spencer, Vardaman; Morris Strickland, State Line; Jerry Napier, Hattiesburg; Jimmy Hughes, Greer, S. C.; Ralph King, Brookhaven senior.

## SBC Operates Jacksonville Hospital

The Southern Baptist Hospital Board, under the author-

ity of the Southern Baptist Convention, established and now owns and operate the Baptist Memorial Hospital of Jacksonville, Florida. This is a beautiful modern general hospital located on the St. Johns River in South Jacksonville with a capacity of 330 beds.

It was constructed at a cost of approximately five million dollars. The people of Jacksonville contributed the building site valued at \$800,000.00 and made cash contributions of approximately two and one-quarter million dollars. With the approval of the Convention, the Board borrowed \$1,500,000.00 which is being repaid out of the earnings of the hospital.

The Jacksonville hospital admitted its first patients September 13, 1955 and for the last eighteen months has been operating at maximum capacity. Two additional floors to the Walfson Children's section were recently completed and the Board has under consideration further expansion as rapidly as funds are available.

Needs Cited  
One of the greatest needs of the Jacksonville hospital is for a school of nursing. Such a school is not organized until funds are secured from some source for the construction of a combination dormitory and administration building.

Both of the Board's hospitals are being operated without any financial deficits. The greatest need is for funds for capital improvements and to underwrite the cost of free service

to the poor.

The hospital in Jacksonville has been enthusiastically accepted by the people of that area

and is being operated under the same policies as the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.



STUDENT NURSES—A group of student nurses at the entrance of one of the three dormitories. Air conditioning equipment is being installed in all of the dormitories and the administration building of the Mather School of Nursing. It is expected that the work will be completed in the late spring of this year.



## Leadership In Hospitals

For seventy years Southern Baptist hospitals over the country have sought to pattern their ministry of healing after the teaching and the example of Jesus.

These institutions are vital bases for the spread of the Christian faith. At home and abroad Baptist hospitals afford opportunities of witnessing for Christ which cannot be found elsewhere.

Southern Baptists have 14 hospitals plus 42 clinics and dispensaries on foreign soil. Here in the USA we support 39 of the finest hospitals in the land. Most of them are owned by state and regional groups of Baptists.

Two hospitals are owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention per se. It is our pleasure to feature these two stalwart institutions—Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans and Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.—in this issue of the paper.

For the past twelve years the administration of the Hospital Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has been in the capable hands of Dr. Frank Tripp. He retires this year with an amazing record of Christian service to his credit. His pastoral, denominational, institutional, military, civic and community work has earned him an honored place in *Who's Who in America* since 1946 and a place of highest esteem in the hearts of his own Baptist people for many more years.

Dr. Tripp was the originator and moving force in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club which paid off approximately \$7,000,000 in debts owed by Southern Baptist Convention agencies and institutions during the Great Depression.

Dr. Tripp's labors in the hospital field have elevated the effectiveness and reputation of Baptist hospitals all over the country.

We take this occasion to commend him and to extend a warm word of welcome to his successor, Dr. Sloane Guy. It also gives us an opportunity to voice appreciation for the dedication and skill of the hundreds of people who work in our Baptist hospitals across the country.

Mississippi Baptists have a large investment in the hospital ministry.

We share in the support of these two Southern Baptist hospitals.

The Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas conventions own and operate Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, the largest Baptist hospital in the world.

Our own state institution, Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson, has been for many years one of the largest and finest hospitals in the South.

To all who are in places of responsibility in these important and strategic institutions there is a unique challenge—the mission to follow the example of Jesus who "went about all the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

## Finally Facing The Music

Rev. Albert O. Kean, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer in Cleveland, Ohio, has brought up an uncomfortable conclusion.

He says, according to *Quote* magazine, "Our Mayflower fathers ran away from England and from Holland. Connecticut yankees fled to Ohio, and the Mormons fled to Utah. . . . We have so peopled the world, there no longer exists an empty spot to which we can run. We must make a stand and face our problems here where we are."

Most of us can sympathize with the conclusion of the observation which he felt when he said (9-2): "Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people and go from them."

But nobody more than the old weeping prophet has shown us more clearly that our spiritual problems are solved by confronting them, not fleeing away.

## Depth As Well As Width

Dr. F. Townley Lord, of London, former president of the Baptist World Alliance, is thoroughly acquainted with our "Southern Baptist way of doing things." That's why his following observations should not be dismissed lightly: "We Baptists in Britain have much to learn from you. I personally covet your fine Sunday school system, the strength of your church attendance, your evangelical purpose which is always on the alert for real decisions for Christ, your organized giving to work both at home and overseas. But I feel that your very size and prosperity create their own problems. What a task it is for ministerial staffs to cope with thousands of members! And however in the midst of incessant church and civic demands do the ministers of your great churches find enough time to read? If the churches of our Southern Convention can strike as deep as they are spreading wide, what a story of progress for the kingdom the second half of the twentieth century will be able to unfold."

Go back and underscore what Dr. Lord says about our churches striking as deep as they are spreading wide. This is the great challenge for Southern Baptists in the years ahead—to emphasize quality of church membership as well as quantity. One evidence of our lack of depth is that 27 per cent of our membership is non-resident—or more than 2½ million of the 9,000,000 members of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.—Marse Grant, *Charity and Children* (N. C.)

## Quotables

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND OPINION

Man in his quest for space knowledge can be compared to a potato bug in a potato, in a sack of potatoes, in the hold of a great ship, wondering what makes the ship go. Knowledge of space and the universe is minute compared to the vastness of what remains to be learned.—Walter Sullivan, chief science writer, *N. Y. Times*.

An untruth travels swiftly because it gathers new impetus each time it enters the orbit of discussion.—Douglas Macdon.



Mere Pawns or Real Persons

## The Baptist Forum

### New Assembly

Congratulations on the recent purchase of the former U. S. Maritime Academy property at Pass Christian.

I share your joy that Mississippi Baptists were able to acquire these new facilities. I'm sure this new assembly area will greatly strengthen the Lord's work in Mississippi.

Paul M. Stevens  
Fort Worth

NOTE: Dr. Stevens, a native Mississippian, is doing a marvelous job as director of the Southern Radio and Television Commission.

### Missions At Home

The Baptist Record for Thursday, Feb. 26, 1959, caused a tremendous stir at 161 Spring Street in Atlanta. We are certainly most grateful for your emphasis on home missions. You covered all of the aspects of the challenge in a most professional way.

It really makes us feel good here to know that Mississippi Baptists are getting such a clear picture of what home missions means.

J. C. Durham, Jr.  
Home Mission Board  
161 Springs St., N. W.  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

### Home Missions

Recently I have received several letters from churches in Mississippi, writing to ask for information concerning the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and also to ask how they might help with these needs and how the Annie

Armstrong Offering can help missions.

May I take this opportunity to say that the Annie Armstrong Offering can help in the way of World Missions only as it is given, to help. In our Homeland our Home Mission Board is ministering to the Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Mexican, Jewish and International Students, etc., and could help many other groups if the funds were made available.

Rev. James L. Gebhart  
Missionary to Spanish  
720 W. White Ave.  
Grand Junction, Colorado

### Senator's Support

You know of my interest in your great work, and of my special interest in your program in connection with the Pass Christian property which I believe certainly holds great possibilities.

I want the privilege of making at least a small contribution, and I am enclosing my check to be applied to your fund for the expansion of your worthy program for our youth, which I believe will bring untold worth and benefits to countless Mississippians for decades to come.

John Stennis  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Note: This note addressed to Dr. Chester Quarles is passed on.—Editor



INSIDE MONASTERY ON MOUNT SINAI—Princeton, N. J.—An interior view of the sixth-century Monastery of St. Catherine at the base of Mount Sinai, Egypt, shows some of its hundreds of rare icons (paintings) and other religious furnishings, considered unsurpassed in the history of Byzantine art. Founded by the Emperor Justinian, the monastery is maintained by Greek Orthodox monks. An American-Egyptian research team has made a complete photographic record of its architecture, grounds and priceless religious art. The team was sponsored by Princeton University, the University of Michigan, and the University of Alexandria, Egypt.—(Religious News Service Photo).

## Revival Dates

Note: An announcement in this column may be accompanied by one "thumbnail" engraving. The Baptist Record will secure at cost an engraving for the church if a glossy print photograph is provided.

Jackson, Alta Vista: March 19-28; Rev. Jasper Neel, Jr., Jackson, evangelist; Rev. Billy Smith, pastor, leading music.

Jackson, Alta Woods: March 15-22; Rev. Grady C. Cothen, Oklahoma, evangelist; Jacques Kearnes, music director; Dr. Joe H. Cothen, pastor.

Jackson, Broadmoor: March 15-22; Rev. Clark McMurray, Chattanooga, Tenn., evangelist; Buddy Brazil, New Orleans, La., music director; Dr. David Grant, pastor.

Bryam: March 15-29; Rev. Joe Royalty, Macon, evangelist; Jim R. Moses, Huntsville, Alabama, music director; Rev. H. J. Bennett, pastor.

Jackson, Calvary: March 15-22; Dr. Herbert R. Howard, Dallas, Texas, evangelist; M. Fred Ellerbe, music director; Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, pastor.

Jackson, Colonial Heights: March 15-22; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. Sam B. Mason, Jr., music leader and pastor.

Jackson, Crestwood: March 15-22; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, evangelist; A. E. Chapman, music leader.

Jackson, Daniel Memorial: March 15-20; Dr. Landon Miller, Birmingham, Alabama, evangelist; Paul Hancock, music director; Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes, pastor.

Jackson, Emmanuel: March 15-22; Rev. W. R. Storie, pastor and evangelist.

Jackson, First: March 15-22; Dr. Connally Evans, Odessa, Texas, evangelist; Reid Moore, music director; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor.

Learned: March 15-20; Dr. Lee Gailman, pastor and evangelist.

Jackson, Midway: March 15-20; Rev. Dan Cameron, Borger, Texas, evangelist; Commy Massey, Miss. College, music director; Rev. W. F. Evans, pastor.

Spring, evangelist; Dr. Bob Simmons, pastor.

Jackson, Ridgecrest: March 15-22; Dr. John Landrum, Grace

nada, evangelist; George Van Egmond, New Albany, music director; Rev. Fred Trapley, pastor.

Meadville, Siloam: March 15-20; Rev. Bruce S. Hilburn, evangelist; Rev. Franklin Haire, pastor, directing the music.

Hattiesburg, Southside: March 15-22; Rev. Sam E. Graham, Hattiesburg, evangelist; John Elzey, music director; Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor.

Mississippi City: March 11-20; Rev. Roy Self, Yazoo City evangelist; Lt. Bobby Burnett music director; Rev. C. O. Estes, pastor.

Hickory (Newton): March 15-20; Rev. Elgin West, Crowder, evangelist; Johnny Rush music director; Rev. H. V. Hardin, pastor.

Beaumont, First: March 22-27; Rev. Herman Merritt, Natchez, evangelist; J. T. Hannaford, Columbia, music director; Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor.

Morgan City (Leflore): March 23-29; Rev. Hugh A. Martin, Neshoba County, evangelist; Rev. O. E. Fairley, pastor.

Jackson, Van Winkle: March 15-20; Dr. Levon Moore, Laurel, (shown at left) evangelist; Rev. H. A. Milner, pastor.

Jackson, Robinson St.: March 15-22; Rev. John DeFoor, Florence, Alabama, evangelist; Rev. Leonard Holloway, pastor.

Palestine (Hinds): March 15-22; Dr. J. B. Butler, pastor.

Jackson, Southside: March 15-22; Rev. S. W. Valentine, evangelist and pastor; Robert Spencer, music director.

Laurel, Eastview: March 15-22; Rev. W. L. Yeatman, Good Hope Church, Richton, evangelist; Rev. T. R. Coulter, pastor.

Pine Ridge, Riverside: March 15-29; Rev. Homer Ivy, evangelist; Rev. Martin Stone, pastor.

Columbia, North: March 15-22; Rev. Samuel M. Brown, Bruce, evangelist; Malcolm O. Jones, music director; Rev. John R. Eubanks, pastor.

Calvary (Covington): March 15-20; Rev. Theodore Lott, Lebanon, Covington County, evangelist; Rev. Willis Bryant, pastor.

Laurel, First: March 15-22; Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, evangelist; Paul Adams, song leader; Dr. T. R. McKibbens, pastor.

Macedonia (Lincoln): March 15-20; Rev. E. L. Howell, Jackson, evangelist; Mrs. Alton Smith, directing music; Rev. A. W. Talbert, pastor.

Hastehurst, First: March 22-29; Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs, evangelist; Noxie Taylor, Holly Springs, music director; Rev. Rowe Holcomb, pastor.

Buck Creek (Perry): March 23-29; Rev. Van C. Windham, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Rev. Dick Braswell, pastor.

D'Lo: March 15-20; Rev. T. A. Duke, evangelist; Jerry Neely, song leader; Rev. Orrin D. Morris, pastor.

Hattiesburg, Boule St.: March 16-22; Rev. Oscar Adams, Hattiesburg, evangelist; James T. Jackson, music director; Rev. Douglas W. Rouse, pastor.

Poplarville, First: March 15-22; Dr. Henry E. Turlington, Delray, Beach, Florida, evangelist; Rev. Frank H. Thomas, pastor.

Melrose (Yazoo): March 15-20; Rev. Curtis Burge, Mississippi College, evangelist; Rev. Graves Collins, pastor, leading the music.

Fine Grove (Simpson): March 15-20; Mims Roberts, Mississippi College, evangelist; Rev. R. R. Newman, pastor.

Mt. Morgan (Hinds): March 22-27; Rev. Clyde Williams, Louisville, evangelist; Rev. John Espy, music leader and pastor.

Pleayune, First: March 15-22; Rev. J. C. Clement, New Orleans, evangelist; Paul Padgett,

## Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

### SON KILLED IN ACCIDENT

QUESTION: Our son, 18 years of age, was killed in an accident on a bad road. Do you think God had a purpose in it? Lots of people tell me He did but I cannot accept this. I am confused and don't understand why it happened.

ANSWER: You certainly do not. Neither do these Job-comforters who are trying to explain it.

It is quite natural for you to ask, "Why?" It is equally difficult to find the answer.

Why don't you spend your energies on asking, "How?" How can I manage my resentment over this incident? How can I find the resources to give up this darling son without bitterness? And how can I face fully my own limitations in having to walk by faith and not by sight?

Perhaps your real problem is being willing to say, "Thy will be done," without trying to run God's side of the show.

If God didn't have a purpose in this accident, he will make one, provided you will take the right attitude in life. Your son is dead. Move on. Life is like a flowing stream; it never stops moving.

I know how you suffer. So does our Saviour.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)



## Calendar of Prayer

March 16 — E. R. Pinson, Miss. College faculty; S. L. Robinson, Miss. College faculty.

March 17 — Marvin K. Lee, Lamar Association Missionary; Mrs. T. A. Duke, Simpson Association Sunday School Superintendent.

March 18 — John Evans, Sunflower Association Sunday School Supt.; Ann Burnside, Baptist Book Store.

March 19 — R. A. Coulter, Scott Association Music Director; Curtis Hester, Simpson Association Music Director.

March 20 — J. E. Lane, Baptist Association Music Director; Williams, Baptist Building.

March 21 — Floyd Newman, Sharkey-Isaquaena Association Brotherhood President; C. P. Brown, Simpson Assoc. Brotherhood Pres.

March 22 — Harry Kellogg, Sunflower Assoc. Training Union Director; Gaynelle Evans, Smith Assoc. Training Union Director.

music director; Dr. John R. Maddox, pastor.

Bethel (Lawrence): March 22-27; Dr. Clark Hensley, Jackson, evangelist; pictured at left; Rev. Jas. O. Nations, Oakvale; song leader; Rev. Jas. Whittington, pastor.

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### BROTHERHOODS ORGANIZED

Men enlisted, challenged, and utilized in the work of the church is the purpose of the Baptist Brotherhood. Much power is lost in the program of the church when the men are not at work. The Baptist Brotherhood is no longer in the testing stage for it has proven itself of great value to the life of the church.

Brotherhoods organized since the beginning of the new church-year are as follows:

| Church            | Pastor             | President         |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
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| Morrison Heights  | Jack A. Butler     | Merton Williams   |
| Harland's Creek   |                    | David Meek        |
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| Ozona             | Wiley Johnson      | Ray Beall         |
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| West Marks        | C. H. Melton       | R. T. McKnight    |
| Delta City, First | Grady Williams     | John Rutland      |
| New Bethlehem     | Henry Gandy        | J. C. Edwards     |
| Galilee           | Paul Broadway      | Ellis Manning     |
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Write to the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, if you need assistance in organizing the Brotherhood work of your church.

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### TWO GROUP SCHOOLS PROMOTED IN JONES ASSOCIATION

Pictured below is the Training Union Executive Committee of Jones County. Seated, left to right: Rev. Wade Allen, Christy; Henrietta Walters, Nursery Leader; Mrs. Sam Spinks, Beginner Leader; Mrs. Edward Bell, Sec'y; Miss Ann Sims, Young People's Leader; Rev. W. A. Bounds, Group Leader. Standing, left to right: Rev. W. P. Young, Associational Missionary; Virgil Wheeler, Group Leader; Alton Yarborough, Adult Leader; Harold Hardee, Group Leader; Shelby Price, Associational Training Union Director; Prentice McEmore, Associate Director; Rev. E. A. Hester, Pastor Adviser; E. J. Kirkland, Junior Leader; Lewis Winn, Fellowship Leader.

Not present are Mrs. Shelby Price, Pianist; Miss Mellie Blanks, Primary Leader; Mrs. W. W. Touchstone, Group Leader; Gordon Kelly, Group Leader. All of the above listed workers planned and promoted the Group School in Jones Association during the week of February 23-27.

#### Group School, First Baptist of Laurel

First Baptist Church of Laurel was host to a group school with an average attendance of 240 and an enrolment of 211.

The faculty is listed as follows: General Officers, Kermit King, Jackson; Adults, Chester Vaughn, Hattiesburg; Young People, Louise Hill, Jackson; Intermediate Leadership, Mrs. Elmer Bilbray, Louisiana; Junior Leadership, Lois Telle, Jackson; Primary Leadership, Mrs. Houston Barksdale, Alabama; Beginner Leadership, Mrs. A. A. Greene, Jackson; Nursery Leadership, Mrs. J. F. McGraw, Louisiana; Intermediates, Rev. John Jones, Collins; Junior I, Mrs. Ben Tisdale, Collins; Junior II, Olivia Houghton, Collins; Primaries, Mrs. T. M. Milking, Collins.

#### Church Representation

The following churches were represented in the two group schools in Jones Association: Bethel, Bethlehem, Calvary, Eastview, Ellisville First, Ellisville West, County Line, Laurel First, Magnolia St., Highland, Second Avenue, West Laurel, Wildwood, Law, Haven, Fairfield, Friendship, Hebron, Indian Springs, Penndorf, Overt, Moselle, Myrick (Beulah), Myrick (Freedom), Plainway, Pleasant Home, Sandersville, Summerland, Trinity Tucker's Crossing, Pine Grove, Sand Hill, Pecan Grove, New Hope, Glade, Hillcrest.

#### Group School, First Baptist Church of Ellisville

A group school was recently conducted at First Baptist Church in Ellisville with a total of 250 enrolled for the week and an average attendance of 185.

Following is a list of the faculty: General Officers, Rev. R. V. Haygood, Little Rock, Arkansas; Adults, Mrs. H. R. McPhail, Hattiesburg; Young People, G. G. Pierce, Jackson; Intermediate Leaders, Neta Stewart, Jackson; Junior Leaders, Mrs. Chester Vaughn, Hattiesburg; Intermediates, Rev. Bob Holifield of Laurel; Juniors, Mrs. C. W. Thompson and Mrs. James Allen of Ellisville; Primaries, Mrs. A. V. Faggard; Beginners, Mrs. Ford Bush and Mrs. J. L. Rowell; Nursery, Mrs. C. W. Smiley, Dorothy Smith, Edith Boyanton, Cynthia Carter, Mary Bealle.



VISITORS TO RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil during the Baptist World Alliance meeting, June 26-July 3, 1960, will see the enormous statue of Christ the Redeemer on Mt. Corcovado overlooking the city. Many Mississippians will be among the 4,000 Baptists from the U. S. A. expected to attend the Congress. (H. Armstrong Roberts Photo).

## Rio de Janeiro Prepares For 1960 World Congress

By C. E. Bryant

Director BWA News Service  
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—(BWA)—The Tenth Baptist World Congress will be the largest convention ever held in Rio de Janeiro. That is the personal estimate of Dr. Abelardo Franco, director of tourism for the city.

Rio Baptists will be ready for the Congress. Dr. Edgar Halllock, general chairman of arrangements, says 26 committees with a total of 150 members are already at work, though the meeting—June 26—July 3, 1960—is more than a year away.

Hotel men also will be ready. They have allotted some 4,000 rooms for delegates, have made plans to curtail operation of their bars, and have adjusted dining hours to fit the Congress program.

Transportation companies have agreed to furnish special buses, running from hotels to the Congress and return. Rio police have begun studying the English and French languages to be of maximum help to the visitors.

These are among the things told Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Alliance, when he met with Baptist committeemen and city officials in early February.

#### Will Be Evangelistic

Registration at the Congress is expected to be about 15,000, of which 10,000 will come from the Baptist churches of Brazil. Non-registered visitors to the night sessions and a mass evangelistic rally at the Congress close is estimated to boost the

total attendance to perhaps 200,000.

The meeting is expected, therefore, to be one of the strongest evangelistic witnesses ever known to Latin America, a nominally Catholic area.

"Enthusiastic" is the superlative word that describes the attitude of the host people. A thousand of them braved a threatening rain storm to hear Dr. Adams at a mass meeting in Rio's First Baptist Church. More than 100 committeemen came out to a report meeting the following night, telling the visiting BWA president of their

plans and progress.

Rio Baptists are among the fastest growing Baptist groups in the world. There are 121 Baptist churches in Rio proper and another 72 in the suburban areas. Every one of these churches is self-supporting.

A Baptist membership statistic sheet which this writer carried with him to Rio showed a 1956 membership total of 123,000 for Brazilian Baptists. We promptly learned that it now should read 165,000—"and that is conservative."

Full religious freedom, as guaranteed by the Constitution of Brazil, is expected to await all congress delegates and the Congress meetings. Rio Baptists have been conducting open air services in the city's parks on Sunday afternoons for the past several years without interference. The services have proved so popular, in fact, that the editor observed two services in one park: the Baptists at one end, and the Catholics at the other.

## Pages From The Past

By J. L. BRYD SR.

### 50 YEARS AGO

S. S. Secretary J. E. Byrd reports that of the 445 churches of sixteen associations of the state only 251 have Sunday schools.

### 40 YEARS AGO

The Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, closed a very successful revival meeting with fifty joining by baptism and "twenty other professions of faith, besides a number who came by letter." Pastor Zeno Wall of the Clinton Baptist Church did the preaching. Rev. B. T. Kimbrough, pastor.

The dormitory for industrial students "O'Brian Hall" on the campus of Mississippi Woman's College (now William Carey) at Hattiesburg, burned to the ground. "The girls escaped without personal injury but with considerable loss."

### 25 YEARS AGO

Dr. Chas. E. Maddy of the Foreign Mission Board reports that Southern Baptists in 1927 gave \$2,300,000 plus to Foreign Missions. During the great depression of the early 1930's the amount gradually decreased to \$600,000 plus in 1933. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering in 1934 was \$170,000 with a goal of \$135,000.

One foreign missionary writes back home in appreciation for the State Baptist Paper as follows: "No letter. But the old home State Baptist paper came, and I devoured every line of it as if it had been a love letter."

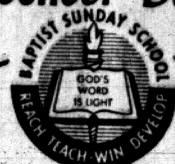
The W. M. U. Department announces their two scholarship students for the next session, namely Adelle Martin Sartia, for Woman's College (William Carey) and Frances Dozier, Fulton, for Blue Mountain College.

Thursday, March 12, 1959

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## Sunday School Department

BRYANT M. CUMMINGS,



SECRETARY

### CONVENTION APPRECIATION

Our sincere appreciation to the three host churches, New Albany, First, Yazoo City, First, Laurel, First, their pastors, Educational Directors, Music Directors, other staff members and people, for the wonderful hospitality and welcome during our regional conventions.

We are grateful too, for Dr. Earl Kelly, Rev. Dan Morton and Dr. Wyatt Hunter for their outstanding messages of challenge "That They Might Have Life."

Our age-group conference leaders from Nashville, Florida, Oklahoma and Louisiana were warmly welcomed and led their groups in a most excellent manner.

A word of tribute to our Baptist Book Store and their representatives for the three book store exhibits and promotion.

These conventions could not be carried on without the planning and work of our state office staff. Carolyn Madison, Joe Haynes, Mrs. Cuthriell and Mrs.

Irwin prepared materials, records, and program plans in their usual congenial way.

Dr. Joe T. Odle brought a very stimulating message in the New Albany Convention as he led in thinking of the Sunday School's part in new work to be established in Mississippi.

### DURING APRIL

1. Focus on Junior Work
2. Focus on Visitation
3. Focus on Evangelism
4. Focus on Standards — our "Program of Work"
5. Observe Intermediate Day
6. Major on visitation in preparation for Christian Home Week
7. Participate in Youth Week
8. Feature Christian College Day, April 26.

### REMEMBER THIS DATE

KITTIVAKE Aug. 24-25  
Write Box 530 for details regarding Sunday School Week

### IT'S NEW — YOUNG PEOPLE AWAY DEPARTMENT

Every church should have a Young People Away Department because thousands of Baptist and prospective Baptist young people are lost from active Christian service each year because military requirements or vocational training makes it necessary for them to be away from home.

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1. Ministering to the spiritual needs of absent young people who are away because of military service, college, or other vocational training.
2. Urging each young person to join and be active in the entire church program wherever he is.
3. Serving as a connecting link between the permanent church home and the temporary church home; and
4. Enlisting every young person in active Christian service upon his return to the home church.

The Young People Away Department is a separate department in the Young People's division with a separate superintendent and worker who are called correspondents.

A packet of materials on the Young People Away Department will be available later this month and your church may receive the packet by writing the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson.

## Hospitalized In Rome, Italy

Miss Flora Dodson, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary who broke her hip last August, is still hospitalized in Rome, Italy, where the accident occurred. At the time, Miss Dodson was touring Europe on her way to the States following her retirement from active missionary service. A veteran of 41 years' service in China and Hong Kong, Miss Dodson has undergone three operations since her accident and a fourth is scheduled. She may be addressed in care of Dr. Roy F. Starnier, Piazza in Lucina 35, Rome, Italy.

## E. Philadelphia Trains Workers

Vertice Bozeman, church clerk, reports that the Sunday School training program at East Philadelphia Church continues on a steady scale. Two of the teachers now hold the "Worker's Certificate" which requires 24 hours of training each year. The teachers and officers have entered an appeal to the B. F. E. Society for the pastor.

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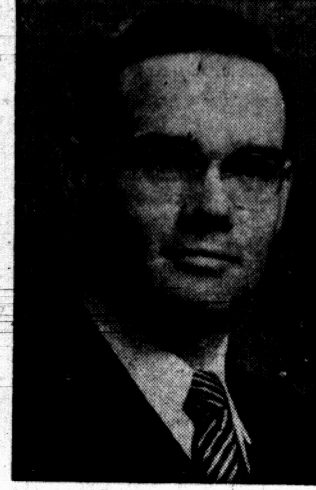
Mrs. Wayne E. Todd



Miss Jane Ray Bear



Miss Dorothy Bell



Dr. Hugh McElrath

## "The World, The Way, And You" To Be Theme Of BM College Focus Week

Dr. G. Kearney Keegan, secretary, Student Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Miss Bidney Dixon, student director of Blue Mountain College, announce that March 16-20 will be Focus Week on the Blue Mountain campus. Focus Week is held quadrennially at Blue Mountain, the first woman's college of the South to have a Focus Week. This year's theme is

### "THE WORLD, THE WAY, AND YOU."

Members of the Focus Week Team and the professions they represent are listed below:

Dr. Oliver Gilliland, Enoree, S. C., Physician; Mrs. Oliver Gilliland, Homemaker; Mrs. Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Va., Missions; Dr. Donald Bell, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, Counseling;

Charles Fox, Student, Duke University; Rev. Wayne Todd, newly-elected secretary, Library Service, Sunday School Board, and pastor of First Church, Brookhaven, Pastor; Mrs. Wayne Todd, Pastor's wife; Dr. Hugh McElrath, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Music; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, state Baptist Student Union director, Jackson; Hubert Smothers, Personnel Department, Sun-

day School Board; and Miss Jane Ray Bear, former student director of Blue Mountain College, now Associate in Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. Miss Bear, Mrs. Todd, and Mrs. Gilliland are graduates of BMC.

Chairman of the entire committee of fifty-nine girls is Dorothy Bell, Hindman, Ky.

### Evangelism Rally Planned In Copiah Co.

Sunday afternoon, March 15 at 2:00 p. m., a special rally will be held at First Church, Hazlehurst.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, formerly head of the Department of Evangelism with the Home Mission Board and more recently President of New Orleans Seminary, will speak on Soul-Winning.

Sharing time on the same program will be the Chorale Choir of Mississippi College under the direction of Dr. E. N. Elsey.

This meeting has fifteen nearby churches sponsoring it.

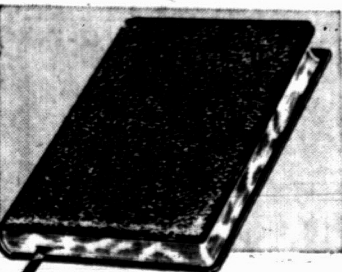
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### Earl Wells Takes Tennessee Post

The Rev. Earl Wells, pastor of Beulah Baptist Church of Polkville, Mississippi has accepted the pastorate of the Nashville Baptist Chapel.

He will assume his duties on March 15th. Rev. Wells is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and of the New Orleans Seminary.

The Rev. Wells comes to the pastorate of the Nashville Chapel at the invitation of the West Jackson Church, Dr. David Q. Byrd, pastor.

### 300 Loyal At Hazlehurst

A Loyalty Dinner chowd of 300 met Wednesday night, March 4, at First Church Hazlehurst, Rev. Rowe Holcomb, pastor. A Girls' Trio from Mississippi College rendered several numbers and Dr. Howard Spell brought the main Stewardship message of the evening.

E. Ray Izard, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Forward Program, served as Toastmaster.

### 1564 Enrolled at Miss. College

Latest registration figures at Miss. College show a total of 1564 enrolled for the second semester.

According to Troy Mohon, president of the Student Body, enrollment increased over enrollment second semester last year. Mississippi College had 1611 students enrolled first semester this year and 1482 first term last year.

Of the total enrolled first semester this year, 132 were graduate students. The number of graduate students enrolled this term have not been tabulated.

Mr. Mohon reports that the applications for admission next year are at a greater high now than they were in March last year.

### Tishomingo Plans School of Missions

Members of fifteen local churches in the Tishomingo Association are completing plans for the opening of their first Schools of Missions in four years on March 15.

Visiting missionaries include: Dr. C. F. Clark, medical missionary to Japan; J. Frank Mitchell, Chile; Miss Auris Pender, Malaya; Miss Minnie Landrum, Brazil; Bill Ferrell, Argentina; Archie Dunaway, Nigeria; Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Hancock, Oklahoma; Carter McGinnis, Florida; M. E. O'Neill, Jr., Arizona; Miss Winnifred Wheeler, New Orleans; L. D. Newman, Lucedale; Earl Warford, Corinth; L. F. Haire, Calhoun City, and Guy Graham, Fulton.

Churches sponsoring the schools are Iuka, New Salem, Eastport, New Liberty, Oldham, Burnsville, South Cross Roads, New Prospect, Golden, Calvary, Highland, Paden, Tishomingo, Old Union and Mt. Zion.

Eugene Tennison is Superintendent of Missions in the Tishomingo Association, and C. C. Cornelius is Moderator.

ATLANTA, Ga. (HMB)—Ser. MELBOURNE, Australia (RNS) vices of The Manhattan Baptist—A Roman Catholic weekly church will be held Sunday inhere, commenting on Billy Gra a new location at 31 West 57th ham's Australian Crusade, prais- Street, near 8th Avenue and Co-ed the American evangelist and lumbus Circle; on the edge of his collaborators for their ef- the two-hundred million dollar efforts to arouse the world to Lincoln Square Cultural Center. "spiritual realities."



**SWEETHEART**—Miss Florence Howell, Junior Student at the Gilfoy School of Nursing, (left above), Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, was crowned "Sweetheart of M. B. H." by Dr. John Caden at a talent review held in the auditorium of the education building on Friday, February 13. Candidates other than Miss Howell were: Miss Shirley McPhail, (center), representing the Freshman class, and Miss Carolyn Evans, (right), representing the Senior class. Miss Howell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Howell of Merigold.



**CAPPING**—The Gilfoy School of Nursing, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, held a capping ceremony for 21 preclinical student nurses Friday, February 6. The program, Caps and Candlelight, was held at Parkway Baptist Church. The students were presented by Mrs. Jeff Stephens, Jr., instructor and class sponsor and were capped by Mrs. Mary Holyfield, Acting Director, Nursing Education. Paul Pryor, hospital superintendent, gave a brief message on the responsibilities of the cap. Miss Annette Vick, President of the Student Body, spoke of the Seven Candles of Nursing and Miss Carolyn Webb, Instructor, Presented the story of the cap. Following the ceremony, a reception was held for parents and friends of the students in the Fellowship Hall of Parkway Baptist Church.



**SHARPSHOOTERS**—Saturday night the students of the Gilfoy School of Nursing were hosts to the students from Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis for an invitational basketball game. The game was played in the St. Joseph High School gym. The score was Gilfoy School of Nursing 25, Baptist Memorial 24. A buffet supper, was served in honor of the visiting team and guests in the cafeteria of the Baptist Hospital.

### BBI Offers Summer Courses

Dr. James E. Southerland, president of the Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., announces that summer school

will begin June 1 and end July 10. Classes will be five days each week and will be two hours in duration.

The Institute will offer four courses. A student may take three of the four courses, for a total of six semester hours of work.

The courses to be offered and the teachers of the courses are as follows: **The Church Program of Evangelism; Preaching Values in the Psalms, Principles of Biblical Introduction, The Preacher's Preparation for His Life's Work.**

The dormitories and the apartments at the Institute will be open, but the dining room will not. The charges for the courses of study are at the same rate as set out in the Institute catalog.

Institute officials suggest that those new students wishing to enroll for the summer session make application not later than May 1. Applications must be processed before a student can gain admission.

President Southerland was formerly pastor of First Church, Oxford.

### Young People

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — A new approach to an old problem in Sunday School has been suggested by the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board here.

The problem — young people who were not in Sunday Church — The suggestion — have a Young People Away Department in every Sunday school!

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### First, Tupelo Calls Seepe As Minister of Educ.

Karl E. Seepe has accepted the call of First Church, Tupelo, to become Minister of Education, according to announcement by Rev. Joseph N. Causey, pastor.

Mr. Seepe has served in the same capacity with the First Baptist Church of Corinth for the past 4 1/2 years. Born in Bessemer, Alabama, the son of a Baptist pastor, Mr. Seepe is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary.

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| MARCH 8, 1959          |      |         |
| Aberdeen, First        | 336  | 144 2   |
| Amory, First           | 247  | 173 1   |
| Antioch (Lawn.)        | 280  | 151     |
| Batesville, First      | 512  | 227 3   |
| Belden                 | 148  | 90      |
| Benoit Mission         | 78   |         |
| Bethlehem (Jones)      | 211  | 119     |
| Bethel (Copiah)        | 120  | 86      |
| Biloxi                 | 117  | 39      |
| Biloxi, Emmanuel       | 277  | 117 1   |
| Brandon                | 179  | 185 1   |
| Breathaven, First      | 305  |         |
| Main                   | 797  | 233 3   |
| Halbert Heights        | 42   | 23      |
| Bruce, First           | 338  | 105     |
| Byram                  | 296  | 151 4   |
| Calhoun City, First    | 361  | 157     |
| Central (Yazoo)        | 333  | 39      |
| Chickasaw, First       | 322  | 117     |
| Clarksdale             | 552  | 173     |
| Main                   | 526  | 101     |
| Clarksdale, Oakhurst   | 26   |         |
| Cleveland:             | 593  | 180 1   |
| Immanuel               | 194  | 105 1   |
| First                  | 468  | 127     |
| Main                   | 424  |         |
| Chinese Mission        | 217  |         |
| Columbus               | 312  | 122     |
| Columbia               | 660  | 266 17  |
| Columbus, First        | 943  | 290     |
| Corinth:               |      |         |
| Calvary                | 104  | 51      |
| East                   | 232  | 121     |
| First                  | 232  | 100     |
| Trinity St.            | 114  | 32      |
| Cruger                 | 62   | 34      |
| Crystal Springs, First | 545  | 265     |
| Dale (Leb.)            | 117  | 94      |
| Flowood                | 322  | 101     |
| Greenville, First      | 1154 | 336     |
| Main                   | 961  | 279     |
| Greenfield             | 114  | 60      |
| Chinese                | 418  |         |
| Greenville, Parkway    | 418  | 140 4   |
| Greenville, Calvary    | 323  | 204 13  |
| Greenville, North View | 323  |         |
| Gulport:               |      |         |
| Bayou View             | 179  | 59      |
| Grace Mem.             | 354  |         |
| First                  | 970  | 328 8   |
| Hattiesburg:           |      |         |
| Central                | 278  | 106 9   |
| First                  | 330  | 152 6   |
| Trinity Ridge          | 733  | 255 9   |
| Immanuel               | 323  | 252 9   |
| Main St.               | 1949 | 820     |
| Main                   | 441  |         |
| North Main             | 40   | 28      |
| Wayside                | 42   | 51      |
| 38th Avenue            | 226  | 144     |
| Main                   | 275  |         |
| Northhomie             | 206  | 94      |
| Hernando               | 209  | 94      |
| Hickory                | 184  | 80      |
| Jackson:               |      |         |
| Alta Vista             | 59   | 49 2    |
| Alta Woods             | 319  | 335 9   |
| Broadmoor              | 1049 | 309 4   |
| Calvary                | 1680 | 585 7   |
| Main                   | 1603 | 487     |
| Mission                | 114  | 70      |
| Crestwood              | 398  | 213     |
| Daniel Memo.           | 1056 | 466 3   |
| Highland               | 923  | 348 4   |
| Highland               | 923  | 348 4   |
| Hillcrest              | 447  | 202 103 |
| Midway                 | 268  | 103     |
| Oak Forest             | 168  | 103     |
| Parkway                | 1061 | 537 1   |
| Ridgecrest             | 298  | 296 11  |
| Southside              | 288  | 195     |
| West                   | 353  |         |
| Winkle                 | 160  | 160     |
| West Jackson           | 488  | 193 3   |
| Kosciusko, First       | 68   | 177     |
| Main                   | 68   |         |
| Maple Miss.            | 39   |         |
| Laurel:                |      |         |
| First                  | 80   | 232 4   |
| Highland               | 323  | 184     |
| Second Ave.            | 80   | 182     |
| Wildwood               | 303  | 148     |
| Lincoln (Nes.)         | 77   | 100     |
| Long Beach, First      | 76   | 118     |
| Main                   | 36   | 99      |
| Delade Miss.           | 36   |         |
| Longview               | 208  | 99      |
| Lucedale, First        | 405  | 146     |
| Macedonia (Lin.)       | 208  | 99      |
| McComb:                |      |         |
| Central                | 203  | 72      |
| Friendship             | 197  | 106     |
| Lincoln St.            | 196  |         |
| South                  | 315  | 104     |
| Meridian:              |      |         |
| Eighth Ave.            | 231  | 91 11   |
| Highland               | 423  | 134     |
| Emmanuel               | 89   | 50      |
| Fifteenth Ave.         | 651  | 283     |
| Calvary                | 467  | 181     |
| Crystal Springs Dr.    | 629  | 167     |
| Main                   | 507  | 150     |
| Grandview              | 22   | 17      |
| South Side             | 501  | 159     |
| Fulton Ave. Miss.      | 217  |         |
| Highland               | 707  | 291     |
| Oakland Heights        | 342  | 125     |
| Maple                  | 108  | 31      |
| Moss Point, East       | 273  | 125     |
| Mr. Pleasant (Lin.)    | 106  | 89      |
| Natchez, First         | 674  | 226     |
| Natchez, Calvary       | 674  | 226     |
| Natchez, First         | 674  | 226     |
| Newton, First          | 517  | 213     |
| Oxford, First          | 534  | 227     |
| Pascagoula:            |      |         |
| Eastlawn               | 442  | 249     |
| First                  | 733  | 233     |
| Pearl                  | 265  | 126     |
| Petal:                 |      |         |
| Crestview              | 67   | 49      |
| Petal-Harvey           | 390  | 155     |
| Harvey                 | 334  | 134     |
| Temple                 | 225  | 92      |
| Philadelphia, East     | 121  | 131     |
| Picayune, First        | 613  | 134     |
| Main                   | 594  | 199     |
| Mission                | 271  | 111     |
| Purvis, First          | 351  | 114     |
| Ripley, First          | 310  | 94      |
| Main                   | 41   | 80      |
| Mission                | 278  | 111     |
| Ruth                   | 71   | 48      |
| Shannon, First         | 128  | 63      |
| Sharon (B.C.)          | 63   | 62      |
| Soso, First            | 165  | 59      |
| Springfield (Sec.)     | 113  | 78      |
| Starville, First       | 878  | 358     |
| Starkville, First      | 163  | 103     |
| Sumrall, First         | 249  | 88      |
| Terry                  | 408  | 88      |
| Tupelo:                |      |         |
| Calvary                |      |         |

A cartoon illustration of a man sitting in a chair, reading a newspaper. A woman and two children are standing behind him, looking at the paper. The floor is covered with many crumpled and discarded newspapers, suggesting a habit of discarding them after a quick glance. A lamp is visible on the left, and a doorway is in the background.

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## Owners Of The Church

By DR. J. Wm. HARBIN, Pastor  
First Church, New Albany

Wayne was a little three year old boy with bright red hair, one of our Sunday School children. One day as I approached the church building Wayne came rushing up to me with a radiant smile equally as bright as his red hair and pointed a little finger at the new educational building and said, "Brodder Harbin, dat's my church, dat's my church."



I picked him up in my arms that afternoon as he continued to point at the church and said, "Yes, Wayne, that is your church. It belongs to all of us."

### A City

In Ephesians 2:19-22, Paul in picturesque language, emphasizes that the church demands the best from each member.

First, he pictures the church as a CITY when he says in verse 19 that we are "fellow citizens with the saints." A person could live in a Roman colony outside of Rome and be a citizen of the Roman Empire with equal privileges and responsibilities. Our strength lies not in the fact that we are big or little with our power and influence in the church but that we are all on equal ground because we have been made nigh by his blood.

### A Family

Second, Paul pictures the church as a FAMILY in the same verse when he speaks of the "household of God." This is the warmest expression in all of these verses. We are a church-family; we are in business together. We are the "household of faith." (Galatians 6:10) God is our Father, Christ is the "first-born" and elder brother, and we are His children by the new birth. As a family, we must live together in peace and love. This means speaking well of one another and supporting the family with our work, prayers, and gifts.

### A Building

In verses 20-22 Paul gives the third picture of the church as a BUILDING, "Christ himself being the chief cornerstone." We need not worry about the foundation; it is sure and steadfast. But we will do well to be concerned about the stones—Men and women who compose the church. Are we . . . fitly framed together?"

Yes, little Wayne was right. The church does belong to us because we are a part of it. And when our eyes are open wide enough spiritually to see beyond our own church buildings, even as our Lord said that the fields are white already to harvest, then can we more clearly understand the purpose of the greatest institution on earth, the church.



**AUSTRALIANS GREET GRAHAM**—Melbourne—Crowds form long lines and jam sidewalks outside Melbourne Stadium waiting for doors to open and admit them to a Billy Graham Crusade meeting here. At times the queues have been more than one-half mile long. Attendance has broken all records in the stadium's history. (Religious News Service Photo).



**YWA HOUSEPARTY**—President and Mrs. R. A. McLeMore, of Mississippi College receive guests at the tea given at their home for state Young Woman Auxiliary members attending the YWA Houseparty last week-end at Camp Garaywa, Clinton. The tea was given Saturday afternoon with approximately 200 YWA members attending.

## Grace Chapel Clearing Ground For New Bldg.

On February 7, 1959, work began toward clearing land for a new church building for Grace Chapel in Monroe County. The members hope to have the ground completely cleared by Easter in order to hold a sunrise worship service there on Easter morning.

The church, organized last May under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. R. E. Lee, and constituted in October, now has 44 members, and 63 enrolled in Sunday School. They ordained their first deacon, Sidney O. Herndon, on Sunday, January 25.

Services are now being held

in the old New Hope Christian Church building on Coontail Road. Plans are underway for a new building on a two-acre lot just south of the old church, deeded to the church by Mr. Bradley of Bradley Lumber Company in Aberdeen.

Mrs. Rena Williams conducted a Vacation Bible School last summer, resulting in 25 professions of faith. Mrs. S. O. Herndon, Mrs. Rena Williams, and Pastor Lee direct a Youth Fellowship twice monthly. The church will participate in the Simultaneous Revival Crusade in April.

## Comic-Strip Bible

ROME (RNS)—A prominent Italian Protestant spokesman supported a recent Jewish protest against a comic-strip version of the Bible now being serialized by a private publishing firm here.

## Tylertown Church Honors Home Mission Worker

Members of Tylertown Church last Sunday night paid tribute to Miss Nell Bullock, Tylertown native, who has spent her adult years to mission work here in this country.

Miss Bullock, wife of Rev. W. W. and Carl, and a nephew heard Rev. Robert Ledbetter, pastor, tell of the progress made through the years in the home mission field. "This is more than a tribute to a person," he said, "this is a tribute to the great progress made in the field of missionary work among our spiritually and economically underprivileged, and needy right here at home."

At the end of the service, Miss

Bullock and her kin formed a receiving line to receive the good wishes and congratulations of those attending the service.

She was greeted from the front by the Sunday School, now Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

Miss Bullock never worked under the Home Mission Board but her work was that type of mission work. She was always sent out either by the WMU Organization or by some Southern Baptist Church.

She is very active in Tylertown Baptist church work. She is teacher of one of the Adult Ladies classes.



**NELL BULLOCK**, native of Tylertown, has been honored by the Tylertown Church because of her devotion to mission work in her homeland.

## Pastor's First Year Observed

March 1 was the first anniversary of Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor of West Heights Church, Pontotoc, and high attendance goals were set for Sunday School. The total goal was 299, and there were 301 present. The previous all-time high was 232.

This past year has been marked by progress in every phase of the church. Sunday School enrollment has increased from 244 to 334, and the auditorium, study, and nurseries have been air-conditioned. There has been an all-time high of 60 additions to the church.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—"God of our fathers, blest of old," written by the Reverend Elbert N. Johnson, pastor of the Spring Hill Baptist Church, Wagram, North Carolina, has been selected as Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Centennial Hymn.



Rev. Robert E. Phillips

## New Pastor At Coldwater

Robert E. Phillips, formerly minister of education at First Church, Whitehaven, Tenn., has accepted the pastorate of the Coldwater Church, succeeding Rev. Bob Odenwald, who resigned recently to become pastor at Memphis.

Rev. Phillips attended Georgetown College in Kentucky and was graduated from New Orleans Seminary with degree in religious education.

He is a native of Tennessee. Mrs. Phillips is a graduate of Georgetown. They have one daughter, Carolyn Jean, 2.



## Church At Seminary Adds Staffer

Rev. Charles E. Wilkins of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, began his duties as assistant pastor of Seminary Church, February 15.

Rev. Wilkins is a native of Baton Rouge.

At present, he is working toward his Bachelor of Divinity Degree at New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. Thomas M. Hall is pastor of the church.

## RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - - By Scheel

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## Mrs. S. E. Tull Taken By Death

Mrs. S. E. Tull, wife of Dr. Tull, retired Baptist minister, died Tuesday, March 3, at Methodist Hospital in Hattiesburg, after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Thursday at Hulet Funeral Home chapel with Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, officiating. Burial was at 2 p. m. in Magnolia, Miss.

Mrs. Tull, the former Laura Louise Nicholson, was born and reared in Durant, and was married to Dr. Tull on Dec. 8, 1904 at the Durant Baptist Church.

Survivors Named During Dr. Tull's 50 years of

pastorate in Mississippi, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas and Louisiana, she was active in the various churches and also in civic affairs.

Survivors include her husband, two daughters, Mrs. R. L. McKnight, Memphis; and Mrs. J. W. Nowlin, Melbourne, Fla.; a son, Paul F. Tull, Pine Bluff, Ark.; a sister, Mrs. D. M. Miller, Hattiesburg; five grandchildren, Dr. R. L. McKnight, Air-Navy Hospital, Pensacola; Miss Ann McKnight, student at Wellesley College, Boston; Mary Wynne Nowlin and Jim Nowlin, both of Melbourne; and Temple Tull of Pine Bluff.

DALLAS (BP)—Harold A. Haswell, coordinator of the Texas Baptist Christian Education Commission for the past six years, has been named to one of the top educational posts with the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D. C.